(c) In view of the allocations of gas already made along the HBJ pipeline, and its capacity, additional allocations could not be made.

Proposal to lay New-Sea Pipeline to Hazira

2481. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay a new-sea pipeline to bring more offshore gas to Hazira;

(b) if so, whether there is also a proposal to augment the capacity of HBJ pipeline to further carry this gas in the country;

(c) the names of the users of this gas, quantity-wise;

(d) what is the total cost involved in augmenting the capacity of HBJ pipeline; and

(e) whether it is economical to supply this additional offshore gas for power generation at coastal locations to Gujarat in view of any coal linkage being non-feasible for new power plants in Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The gas has been allocated to various consumers in the power, fertiliser and other sectors.

(d) Approximately Rs. 2500 crores.

(e) This does not arise as these supplies are to meet allocations already made.

Partnership for Oil Exploration with Sri Lanka

2482. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to enter into a joint venture for oil exploration with Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been arrived at with the Government of Sri Lanka;

(c) if so, the terms and conditions of the agreement;

(d) the details of the fields where joint oil exploration work would be taken up in the country; and

(e) to what extent the production of oil is likely to be boosted ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (e) ONGC Videsh Limited and Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) are examining the techno-economic feasibility of a common venture and no agreement has been reached.

New Reserves of Oil/Gas

2483. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of coastal and offshore new reserves of oil/gas found after 1991 which can be exploited for commercial production of petroleum products; and

(b) by when production from these reserves is likely to begin together with the quantum of annual production likely to be undertaken ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) During the period January-October 1992, oil and gas accumulations have been found in 7 prospects in the offshore area. Delineation etc. are in hand to determine whether any of these prospects are commercially exploitable.

Requirement and Production of Petroleum Products

2484. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of petroleum products likely to be produced against the actual requiremnt in the country during the current financial year; and